



# ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR HYBRID MEETING

### Wednesday, October 15, 2025

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harrington called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

#### ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Harrington, Vice Chair Suzanne Skone, and Councilors Pam Rock, Katie Kratzer, and Britta Echtle were present. Council Liaison Mayor Salim Nice was present.

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner, Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog, Capital Parks Manager Shelby Perrault, CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvas, Parks Operations Manager Sam Harb, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

#### PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Robert Harper, Mercer Island resident, addressed the Arts Council regarding the Standing Strong Veterans Pergola at Mercerdale Park.

#### STAFF LIAISON REPORT

##### 1. Staff Liaison Report & Planning Schedule Update

Katie Herzog, Recreation Supervisor, reported on the following:

- Updates
  - Mostly Music in the Park – Six weeks of FANTASTIC concerts!
  - Summer Events recap
  - Summer Camp Success
  - Mid-Autumn Festival
- Upcoming Programs/Events
  - MIVAL Art Classes at the MI Community & Event Center
  - Rotary Mercer Island – Rake & Roll Leaf Art event
  - MIVAL Community Photography Show & Annual Holiday Show at the MI Community & Event Center
  - Autumn Programs & Indoor Playground for younger kiddos
  - Open Art Studio
  - Town Center Trick-or-Treating
  - December Special Events
- Arts Council Planning Schedule

#### REGULAR BUSINESS

##### 2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 16, 2025, Regular Meeting

It was moved by Rock; seconded by Echtle to:

**Approve the minutes from the July 16, 2025, Regular Meeting.**

Passed: 5 – 0

##### 3. AC25-05: Deane's Children's Park Site Plan – Public Art Opportunities

Shelby Perrault, Capital Parks Manager, presented. Councilors asked questions and provided feedback.

4. **AC25-06: Standing Strong Veterans Pergola – Improvements and Operational Guidelines**  
Katie Herzog, Recreation Supervisor, presented. Councilors asked questions and provided feedback.
5. **AC 25-07: Public Art Donation Proposal – Hokusai 20 by Jeffrey Laudenslager**  
Sarah Bluvas, CIP Project Manager, presented. Councilors asked questions and provided feedback.  
Donor Robert Muglia was also present and offered Councilors input on the art piece.
6. **AC 25-08: 2025-2026 City Arts and Culture Workplan Update: Q4 2025**  
Katie Herzog, Recreation Supervisor, presented. Councilors received the report.
7. **Recognition of Council Liaison Mayor Nice**  
As this was the last meeting Mayor Nice would attend as Council Liaison, Chair Harrington expressed the Arts Council's gratitude for his service and support over the years.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

8. **Absences**  
No future absences were mentioned.

Chair Harrington asked for a motion to excuse Councilor Rajagopal and Council Youn's absence.

It was moved by Kratzer; seconded by Echtle to:

**Excuse Councilor Rajagopal and Council Youn's absence from the meeting**

Passed: 5 – 0

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Hybrid Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.